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§5–312.1.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2022, each school district shall adopt or update a school district energy policy.

(b) A school district energy policy must:

(1) Address the purchasing, conservation, and efficiency of energy for the school district;

(2) Provide for the monitoring and reporting of:

(i) The amount of electricity used from renewable energy sources;

(ii) The percentage of the school district's annual electricity use that is from renewable energy sources; and

(iii) The school district's overall electricity use by source and square foot; and

(3) Include current and historical data on the school district's energy use by square foot.

(c) In adopting or updating a school district energy policy, each school district is encouraged to set targets to increase the school district's use of renewable energy and reduce the school district's greenhouse gas emissions.

(d) The school district energy policy shall be:

(1) Posted on the school district's website; and

(2) Updated every 3 years.

(e) On or before January 1, 2022, the Interagency Commission shall coordinate with the Department of the Environment and the Maryland Energy Administration to develop a standardized reporting template that school districts can use to report on:

(1) The amount of electricity from renewable energy sources that the school district used;

(2) The percentage of the school district's annual electricity use that is from renewable energy sources; and

(3) The school district's overall electricity use by:

(i) Source;

(ii) Square foot; and

(iii) Individual school, if possible.

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